

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY CAMPUS PAPER

# **Rental Restrictions Hit Salisbury**

By Bryan Shone

As the population of students at Salisbury University continues to multiply, so do their conflicts with the community. The community of Salisbury has recently taken legal action towards the increased number of persons, including SU students, who are seeking off campus housing within the city.

S. Mark Tilghman and his wife Susan S. Tilghman, two attorneys who work and reside in Salisbury, sparked these community actions by sending a request in writing to the City Council of Salisbury that asks for no more than two unrelated persons be allowed to live together when renting a house in Salisbury.

Salisbury's City Council Executive Officer of seven years, John Pick, said, "Mayor Barry Tilghman was concerned about the proposal that the Tilghmans sent to the City Council," and therefore, "the mayor proposed and the City Council enacted a three-month moratorium on the conversion of single-family residences to rental use."

Beginning July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002 no house owners residing in the city of Salisbury could begin to rent their houses to anyone. Pick said that the moratorium on rentals is scheduled to end on October 9<sup>th</sup>, although Mayor Tilghman could propose for an extension.

Kathy Groutt, the Director of Housing and Residence Life at SU, said, "The shift from owner occupied housing to rentals at such a fast pace caused the people of certain communities to get together and stop these accelerating conversions."

"In no case shall more than two unrelated persons, a rooming or boarding house, a hotel or a fraternity or sorority house constitute a family," said the Tilghmans The greater number of people and the greater number of cars, in turn, generate more noise," said the Tilghmans to the city council.

Regarding the lifestyle of house renters in Salisbury, the Tilghmans said, "The occupants variety of issues related to housing conditions in Salisbury, including rental properties."

The 14 HPAT members, led by Pick, were "comprised of residents of Salisbury, both renters and homeowners, city officials, a Wicomico County official, SU officials, members of the property management industry, and a representative of Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Service." Of the 14 members, only one was a SU student.

In reaction to the Tilghmans' written request and the ongoing community support for their requests to be granted, the HPAT has sent suggestions to the City Council to help them take action. These suggestions are in response to issues that were charged by Mayor Tilghman for the HPAT to look into.

The basis for this suggestion from the HPAT runs parallel to the Tilghman's reasons. "It would help to maintain the population density" and it would "help to maintain the integrity of these single family neighborhoods by taking away the economic incentive to convert these housing units to rentals."

Along with the idea to reduce the number of unrelated persons within a rented household, the HPAT also suggested other plans to help the problems surrounding student rentals. Encouraging clustered student housing by streamlining permits and encouraging commercial/student housing mixed uses at the old mall and downtown, etc.



Photo by Michelle Bennett

in their request to the city council.

"Unrelated individuals, living together under the same roof, are less likely to share common acquaintances. They attract greater numbers of visitors, increase the population density, create a greater number of cars to be parked, and a greater amount of traffic on our streets.

keep separate finances and live separate lives in buildings which have often been modified to permit four or more unrelated adults to reside therein, in segregated portions of the home."

Another reaction to the request from the Tilghmans occurred this summer when Mayor Tilghman created the Housing Process Action Team (HPAT) to "look into a

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### Letter from the Editor

By Adam Lehman

The word "landlord" has a negative connotation in the Salisbury University community, and over the past few years tenant/landlord relationships have gotten weaker. I feel most Salisbury landlords do not exemplify characteristics of decent proprietors. Many landlords try to squeeze as many tenants as they can into a house (which is one of the reasons the city has placed a moratorium on renting a house). Others build cheap houses, with industrial strength high-traffic carpet and plastic tiles on the stairways. Some roommates pay \$1600 for an apartment when a larger house would cost at least \$400 less.

In an ideal world prospective renters would be able to boycott these slumlords, but the state of housing in Salisbury won't allow for any successful way to boycott. Each year transfer students scramble to find any house they can, and they often get stuck signing a lease without knowing the reputation behind the landlord.

A staggering 68% of

other schools? I don't know. Does it mean that many of the students are affected by the poor business practices of landlords? Of course!

For once I wish that the university would take a more active part in solving the landlord problems. Being more proactive is not just up to the administration, but the students should also be more involved. Instead of being neutral

like Switzerland, I wish the university's administration would take a more active approach to helping out the students. We know Mayor Tillman doesn't like us, so the university should use its influence to help. Perhaps someone in Holloway Hall could issue a strongly worded statement that speaks out against the moratorium. I also wish the university would set up an office to help students deal with conflicts they may have with their landlord. As it is now, not very many students can interpret the very specific legal lingo landlords use

SU's students live off-campus. Is in a lease. An actual office with that a high figure compared to a law knowledgeable staff would be a great resource for the Salisbury community.

> Not everything should be up to the university, though. Students who constantly complain about their landlords could better use their time and form a tenant's union. These unions have been formed all over the country in small college towns where students are in similar situations. I'm sure forming a union is easier said than done, but the time invested would probably be worth it. The union could help to establish a "Tenant's Bill of Rights," which would be a set of common principles that each landlord and tenant would follow.

> Making a change for the better won't be an easy job, but it would be more satisfying than letting landlords walk all over us.

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# NEWS

### The Gull's Nest Takes Its' Fall Test

Safety issues that arose because of high traffic flow in the Gull's Nest prompted the new arrangement and elimination of the meal plan equivalency policy, but officials in University Dining Services (UDS) are content in their changes.

A visit to the Gull's Nest, also nicknamed the G-spot, used to Commons last year, the highly be marked by long lines and criticized change had to be crowded conditions, but now made.

"We had to make the change strictly because of traffic," said safety issue, but our goal was some solutions as well. o improve our service."

the heat generated from all of the equipment, and since so Nest, that equipment was to upgrade to the biggest size. bushed harder to meet the here," said Jane Fandray. irector of UDS.

In anyone's book a fire is the rest of the staff placed bets the new a la carte menu is pricey, give feedback.

definitely an occupational on how many students would hazard.

traffic in the Gull's Nest, UDS anticipated 530 students would officials decided to stop the want a gift basket Just Because. where students could use their Since the Gull's Nest was doing analyst's clever suggestion. more daily business than the

plan, we didn't make it up," other improvements made there Fandray said. Many focus as well. Amy VanBenthuysen, Program groups offered their insights on and Customer Satisfaction what might make a better meal. UDS did a competitive analysis Coordinator of UDS. "It became plan, and an analyst offered of local sub shops, including

The safety issue incorporate at Just Because gift weighed and tasted every /anBenthuysen referred to was basket into the different choices of meal plans. Fandray said she agreed with the idea because

When the orders actually came lemands. "I had two fires in in for the baskets for the fall, UDS was shocked.

Fandray, VanBenthuysen, and

policy of meal plan equivalency, So either those 530 students are satisfied with the new meal meal plan to get food at the Nest. plan, or they were lured by the

The change worked.

Any student who goes to the Gull's Nest around 6:30 will notice the smaller amount of people, but those problems are of the past. "In terms of changing the meal he or she might not notice the

Before the semester began, Subway, WAWA, Subrunners, It was the analyst's idea to and even Dagwoods. They sandwich to see what combination of ingredients worked and which ones did not.

many students ate at the Gull's there is a trend for people to want. As a result of that analysis, the Gull's Nest now offers six or 12inch subs on homemade bread, a change that UDS officials hope committee meetings, which are will draw people into the Nest. Even though some students feel

want to have the "King-Size" meal system is still comparable in So in an effort to reduce the plan. No one in the office price to the other big name sub shops.

In an effort to accommodat more students, the Gull's Nest also has extended its hours. Instead of closing at 9 pm like it did in the spring semester, the Nest is now open until 11 pm. allowing people two more hours to get late night food.

Along with the new hours, Fandray also expressed a desire to slowly convert the Gull's Nest into more of a sports bar type establishment. One of her ideas is to move the pool tables downstairs from Herb's Place in an attempt to create that atmosphere. "We have a jukebox now," Fandray said. "We just need people to tell us what CDs to buy."

All in all, UDS appreciates comments from the student community. VanBenthuyser mentioned the weekly FOOD held at 6:30 in the Caroline Room, as a way for students to

# **UDS Optimistic About New Meal Plans**

By Sarah Frantz

University Dining Services made changes to available meal plans for the Fall 2002 semester hoping to better serve more SU the changes will affect their dining experiences.

The new meal plans include such features as unlimited dining available on weekends, and the addition of dining dollars.

Program and customer VanBenthuysen, said UDS took many steps to research the changes made. A Food Advisory Committee, made up of 25-30 students, meets every Wednesday in the Commons to sample and discuss food and dining. UDS conducted interviews last year to collect the student voice, along with hiring issues," said VanBenthuysen. an Independent Consulting Firm to interview staff and students.

a day during certain regulated hours. Since late-night dining hours have been extended, students with classes later in the day are able to still enjoy dinner students. Some students are as late as 9p.m. Theresa unsure of the new plans and how Driscoll, a senior at SU, purchased the 50 meals a week plan. It allows her any 50 meals in the Commons and two guest passes all semester. With her in The Commons, all meals busy schedule, she can't always find the time to sit down at the Commons for a meal.

"I got the 50 meal plan so I satisfaction coordinator, Amy could just grab something to eat when I'm on campus, but now I can't even get anything from the Gull's Nest," said Driscoll.

In the past the Gulls Nest has been a popular spot to grab some food and go. Students can no longer use their meal plans there, only dining dollars or cash. "We were running into safety

The Gulls Nest is too small to serve the number of patrons they Last year students were only had, and the workers were allowed, at the most, three meals getting injured in attempt to



serve the crowds quickly.

adjustments are part of the their money. solution to the elimination of meal equivalency. Dining dollars are students to make comments available at a discounted rate, either online or in person. "We and come with several meal know that the new meal plans plans. They can be used at any will probably have to be location, but are targeted for tweaked a little, or our services satellite dining. Dining dollars do will have to be tweaked," she not carry over to the next said. semester, however according to UDS wants to work with the VanBenthuysen, UDS monitors student to make everyone's the use of the dollars. If they see dining experience the best it can students not using them, they will be.

call and figure out why, and try Dining dollars and price to help them get the best out of

VanBenthuysen urges

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## Henson Science Hall is a **Welcome Addition**

Shane Jacobus

Students and faculty alike are elated now that the Henson Science Hall has finally opened its doors.

The Henson School of Science and Technology is perhaps the fastest growing field of study here at Salisbury Uni-

versity. Dr. Thomas W. Jones, the dean of the Henson School, says, "That with all the problems our work done." we were having at Devilbiss Hall, it made sense to have a new science building.

"I think it's nice that we have our own hall," said sophomore Joe Young, biology major. "Last year, we would have lectures in

Devilbiss. Now, we don't have escape will be eradicated before to walk all over campus to get

Dr. Augustine DiGiovanna, of the biology department, has worked with the faculty since

"I'm very excited about being in this building because I have teaching abilities I've never had

These abilities include going online

stead of in person. According to DiGiovanna, the new precautions have provided students with a much safer learning environment. The ventilation guarantees that any fumes, vapors, or microbes that may

and transmitting

material directly to

the labs online in-

an emergency occurs.

"I think the size and placement of this building has made the sciences much more prominent on campus," adds Dr. DiGiovanna.

"If you've got an interest in science, you need a building that really lets you study science," said Dr. Jones, "and this building lets us do just that."

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were two main proposals.

Another category - "Suggestions for Salisbury University" allowed the HPAT to provide SU with suggestions on how to help resolve the housing issues. These propositions touch on demands such as additional oncampus housing, encourage development of additional off-campus housing developed for students, encourage a more active role in disciplining improper offcampus student behavior, and establish a system for University Police to patrol off-campus neighborhoods having high concentrations of students in conunction with Salisbury Police

These suggestions and many nity Development.

Department.

According to Pick, Mayor Tilghman plans to extend the moratorium on the conversion of owner-occupied houses to rentals through to December 9th if more time is needed for the planning and zoning process to respond to the City Council regarding these issues

others were sent to the City Council of Salisbury and to SU's President Janet Dudley Eshbach. The City Council will present these issues with their recommended resolutions to the Wicomico County Department of Planning, Zoning, and Commu-

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## **Students Upset Over Costs on Campus**

Students are disturbed about the costs on campus for the Fall 2002 semester. Between tuition, buying books and satellite dining some students find themselves short of cash.

In addition to the \$1697.00 in state tuition and \$4579.00 out of state, students face \$705.00 in mandatory full-time fees. "I feel like I'm in a car dealership, there are so many hidden costs," said SU junior Matthew McCall. These fees run various departments and programs like the University Center.

Program and Customer Satisfaction Coordinator for UDS,

Amy VanBenthuysen, stressed that they adjusted prices both up and down to better serve students and for them to get the most out of their money. In comparison to the local business Subway, the Gull's Nest actually offers competitive prices. A 6" Italian sub on campus is \$2.99, versus \$3.29 at Subway. A 12" Italian sub on campus is \$4.99, versus \$5.29 at Subway.

The Gull's Nest changes left some students very dissatisfied. "They have crappier food, crappier service and a higher price," said senior Michael Stevens.

Purchasing books continually

around \$300.00 at the Book Rack each semester. The Book tain books, unless purchased online. "They have been granted a monopoly by the State of Maryland," said Dr. Ervin, Assistant Professor of Finance at SU

This year the honors society Beta Alpha Psi provided a different opportunity for some accounting students. This service organization sold books for two getting involved and learning classes this semester, Principles of Accounting and Intermediate the expenses they pay each se-Accounting. Their goal was for

leaves students empty handed. every student to have the books Students can expect to drop they needed on the first day of class. President of Beta Alpha Psi, Timothy Brosenne was very Rack is the only means to ob- positive about their business decisions. The officers worked hard to provide a service for the students outside of the Book

> The poor college kid ideology hits close to home. Faculty and staff are working, however, to aid the burden on students. Students can help themselves by about ways they can influence

# FEATURES

## Student Spotlight- Stephanie Howard



Photo By Carla Pini By Chrissy Moore

As a junior, Stephanie Howard has spent the last three years at Salisbury experiencing life to its fullest. A biology major, she came to Salisbury without even visiting the campus, in hopes of becoming a wildlife photographer. Little did she know her college experiences would lead her in a different

After receiving no financial aid from Virginia Tech, her first choice, Howard came to Salisbury. Howard immediately fell in love with the campus. She has decided that coming to Salisbury was a blessing in disguise, as "any experience I've had here has been 100% awesome," says

Howard has been involved in many "awesome" activities on campus. She has

played on the women's Ultimate Frisbee team, and intramural softball and volleyball. She plans on becoming involved in Habitat For Humanity as well. Howard has performed in the past two Variety Shows and she also performs at open mic events on and off campus. Howard's true love is singing.

"Nothing makes me happier than being onstage," says Howard. Her repertoire includes Natalie Merchant, Sarah McLaughlin, Kansas and James Taylor among many others. Howard's dream is to open a bar, sing there nightly, then go home to her boat and sleep on a hammock. "Money is irrelevant. I want to be happy," she says. "If I'm poor and living in a hammock, that would be great."

Howard no longer wishes to become a wildlife photographer. Working in a public market, at a produce stand in Seattle was a great experience and an awakening for Howard. She learned that working with people was her real passion. "I am not going to be stuck in a lab, or waiting in a tree to photograph some elusive endangered beetle, I'm going to be working with people," the junior explains.

Howard now plans to join the Peace Corp for two vears after graduation and then just seeing where that leads her. Her goal in life is to simply make a difference in someone's life. She hopes to accomplish that goal through the Peace Corp. "I want to sing and work with people." she says, "I love people."

Howard stresses that anyone who is unhappy with his or her path in life find a different path. College is not just about academics, grades and earning a degree in order to make money. "Take advan-

tage of everything college has to offer," says Howard. She stresses conversations over grades; it is the late night talks, rather than grades and papers that will have a larger impact

Howard believes that everything will work out in the end. "No matter how low you think you are at some point, it will all turn out in the end." she says. Howard advises peers to have no worries and to procrastinate, procrastinate, procrastinate.

Howard's time and experiences in college have helped her to become a truly rounded, friendly person.



# Captain Planet is still cool: Why recycling really is worth your time

Even from an early age, we knew it was good to recycle. curbside collection? People Captain Planet routinely saved the earth from the clutches of those dastardly polluting villains, and we desired to save the planet, too. Then we got older and more apathetic. Captain Planet wasn't cool anymore, and recycling did not seem as important. Now the planet really is dying, and Captain Planet can't at Salisbury University recycled save it this time. How can we save our environment?

The answer is, of course, what we knew all along: recycle! It's easier than one may think, regardless of if you live on- or offcampus.

There are the familiar blue and gray recycling bins all around campus. The blue plastic bins are specifically for paper, and the gray stone cans are specifically for bottles and cans. They are typically placed near trashcans for ease of use.

In addition, more recycling bins are near the dumpsters by each residence hall. One might follow the lead of sophomores Rachel Rowe and Colleen Gracie and keep a box specifically for recyclables in one's room.

"That way we just bring it out when we take out the trash," Rowe explained.

For those students residing offcampus in Salisbury, curbside pickup of recyclables is free if they utilize the city's weekly curbside trash collection. All one must do is call the Salisbury Recycling Coordinator at 410-548-3177 to have a blue recycling bin delivered. After that, one may place the bin on the curb on the same day as the trash is collected.

So why is it worth the effort to chuck a soda can into a gray bin a recycling container for might think that one aluminum container can't possibly make that much difference. In actuality, the energy saved by recycling one aluminum can is enough to power a television for four hours, according to the website of the city of Salisbury. Imagine if every student enrolled one can, on just one occasion. This single event would conserve enough energy to keep a television on for 24,240 hours. or nearly three years. That is an amazing amount of energy conserved, considering the fact that SU recycles three tons of aluminum cans every year, according to records at the Recycling Center

As another example, the university recycles 98.5 tons of mixed paper each year. By recycling that much paper, SU saves nearly 1700 trees annu-

It's up to the students to recycle. "We'd like for students to take the time, when they see blue bins around, to recycle. It helps the environment...Take time and just recycle," urges Tara Finney, horticulturalist and recycling coordinator. She encourages students to call the Recycling Center at (410) 543-6518 if they have any questions.

"We want YOU to recycle," Finney says.

As one can see, recycling can make a difference. Recycling is so easy, and so important. It's up to us to keep our environment healthy. Remember, as Captain Planet would say, "the power is YOURS!"

For more information about recycling in Salisbury, see the website: www.ci.salisbury.md.us/



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#### ON-CAMPUS RECYCLING

Accepted: White paper Colored paper Newspapers Magazines Junk mail Aluminum cans Food and beverage jars and bottles (all colors of glass) Plastic bottles Branches, leaves, grass, and

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Pesticide or automotive fluid

Microwave containers

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Many of the unaccepted items above may be recycled elsewhere; see the city of Salisbury's website at http:// www.ci.salisbury.md.us/ index.html

Salisbury curbside recycling information from http:// www.ci.salisbury.md.us/ PublicWorksDept/curbsiderecycling.html

# SAY WHAT??



### SAY WHAT?????

From the depths of city hall comes another absurd law.

Section 6.04.090 Female dogs in heat-Impoundment and redemption procedures.

It shall be the custodian's responsibility to keep a dog that is in heat confined to a building or other secure enclosure in such manner as to prevent the attraction of other animals. If the same dog, belonging to the same custodian, shall be impounded in heat for a second time within twelve

(12) months, such dog cannot be reclaimed by the custodian thereof until the animal be spayed by a veterinarian at the request of the Humane Society of Wicomico County and the custodian shall have paid for the costs associated with the spaying of such animal. (Ord. 1709 § 1 (part), 1999)

### The DJ: Behind every good party there's someone behind the one's and two's

FEATURES-

By Rob Goszkowski

On the weekends it's given that many of us are going to usually present more of a problem than the police do. A tightly head out to a party to drink and have a good time. But there are a few people who are heading to these parties because they have a job to do. The DJ's are there for one reason: to make your party experience a fun one. Last year, having a DJ for your party was not a big deal, "but we really turned out a couple parties and everyone saw how much fun that was," said Rob Dubois, a.k.a. DJ Dirty Sanchez. "So now they're all about it." This year there's a struggle to keep up with the demand. "I've actually turned down gigs, it's getting like that

now," he said. Like any job, being a DJ can be a bit stressful. For example: What happens when the party gets busted, especially if you're an underage DJ and you have a beer next to you? You can't exactly run out of the house with a ton of equipment. "I got maced while I was sober a couple weeks ago at the zoo." said Virak Satch, a.k.a. DJ V-Roc. The police are usually more sympathetic when it comes to the DJ. "Since I'm working I usually don't get too twisted and I'll talk to the cops." said Satch. "They'll usually say

Photo By Anonymous

packed house is not exactly conducive to having a bunch of expensive equipment sitting out on a table. "When there's too many people in the house and there's people spilling beer on my stuff, I don't put up with that," said Dubois. "I'm not getting paid enough to ruin all my records. We have to break [the equipment] down, spur of the moment and just bounce." So be wary of the DJ, or else he'll leave and the party will suck Fortunately for the typically broke student, these guys usu-

break it down or turn it down."

Surprisingly, the partygoers

ally do not charge much. "Well, that's actually the sad part. I usually just get free drinks and twenty to fifty dollars," said Dubois. "But always free drinks." Hiring Satch will cost you about the same. Dubois stressed that they do it because they love it and enjoy doing DJ-ing; the money is not the motivation.

A DJ's success hinges on the types of records they're spinning. So what moves the crowd? "Hiphop, always. Whatever's the hot new sh\*\* and old classics like 'The Humpty Dance' or something like that," Dubois said. "And anything girls like, like 'The Thong Song' or 'Put it in Your Mouth' or something. Girls always love that."

Basically, the DJ has an obligation to play what the crowd wants to hear, despite his own personal preferences. But at the same time, there are variations in the types of music you will hear from different DJs. All of them will play the popular stuff but it's the music in between hits that sets them apart from one another. "Peter Too (a.k.a. DJ 002) will play Baltimore Club. Dubois will play mainstream hip-hop and party breaks. I'll play underground hip-hop and Jungle," said Satch.

If you are having some people over and you need a DJ, there are plenty in town who can cater to any music style.

### LOCAL MUSIC CALENDAR

Sept...Oct...

Great bands are coming to town! **VENUES, CLUBS AND EVENTS**:

### **Club Vissage**

S. Salisbury Blvd. 10/26- Kelly Bell Band

### **Brew Master's Pub**

Ocean City 10/01- Culture, feat. Joseph Hill

### Ramshead Tavern

33 West St., Annapolis 9/30- Joan Osbourne 10/05- NRBQ 10/06- Lake Trout 10/09- Leon Redbone 10/31- Dr. John Eastport Clipper

Annapolis 9/27- Power Movement Project

### 9/28- All Mighty Senators

9:30 Club 815 V St, Washington DC 9/26- Super Furry Animals 9/27- The Dillinger Escape Plan w. The Icarus Line 9/29- Aimee Mann 10/03- Ryan Adams 10/06- Violent Femmes

> 10/08- Ratdog 10/10- Dashboard Confessional w/ Hot Rod Circuit, Thrice, Ash. & Loudermilk

10/12- Karl Denson's Tiny Universe 10/14- Wilco

#### **Recher Theater**

512 York Rd. Towson 9/27- Jah Works 9/29- Hatebreed, Death Threat, Shadows Fall, & Six Feet Under 10/02- Culture feat. Joseph Hill w. Jabali

Afrika 10/03- Leftover Salmon

10/05- Deep Banana Blackout

### 10/11- Laughing Colors

10/16- Yonder Mountain String Band 10/18- Reverend Horton Heat

If you have anything to add to the local music calendar, please send the event name. time, date and location to

constantlyconstance@yahoo.com or to flyer@salisbury.edu.



# Tides of War Breeze Through S.U.

FEATURES.



By Chris Weymont

Iraq loom over the heads of politicians, many college students fail to realize the possible effect this monumental decision war against Iraq, but a war against terrorism.

The news of an upcoming party tends to be more important to some college students acquiring weapons of mass destruction "We're going to war with Iraq? Who the heck is Al Qaeda?" asks Kyle Anderson, a junior at Salisbury University.

In fact, more than half of the 100 students polled at SU do not know what Al Qaeda is. pus for current events? There does the war with Iraq concern D.C. American citizens support the

As negotiations of a war with idea who they are fighting. "Aren't they a group of Islam's?" asked one of the students. She wished to stay anonymous.

Salisbury University is just that, will have on their lives. The pos- a place for learning. Students sible war is viewed not only as are here to enrich their lives with knowledge. They are not here for military service, but why would that matter to a student with a grade point average of 3.0? Simply put, the United than the news of a dictatorship States government would be using its military strength to remove what it regards as one of history's nastiest dictatorships.

The university is a place for a student of all statures and back-Anderson is not the only per- grounds to come together and son who did not know what Al discuss current events, esperorist attacks on America be- If students oppose the war, they cially a topic that is so controversial. Why does it seem that there is no awareness on cam-

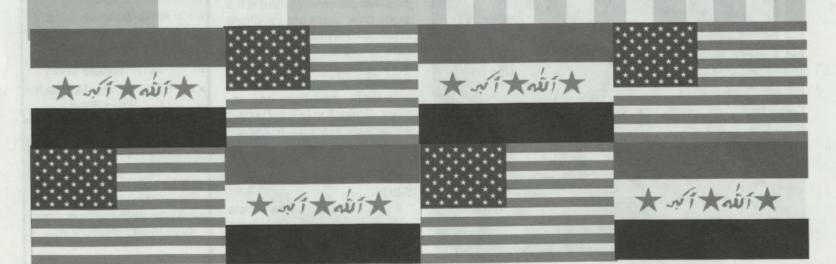
war on terrorism yet have no professors come together and ganization working together talk about the current events tak- with a regime such as Iraq. Try ing place, but only a handful of to paint an image of Iraq handinterested students take advaning over a chemical weapon to

> Qaeda is? If they ask who is re- astation a weapon of mass desponsible for bombing of the struction would have on a city United States Embassy in Kenya such New York. The U.S. govand the destruction of the World ernment has imagined those Trade Center, then they will find possibilities and that is why reout. "Other than the Revolution- gime change in Iraq is becomary war and the Civil war, Ameri- ing a national priority. cans have not grasped the full mentality of war," says Dr. with a war in Iraq. Take a side; Robinson, a Political Science get to know why war is just be-Professor at SU. "Sure, the war with Iraq may not have a direct more about why the U.S. is woreffect on student lives; however, ried that disarming Iraq is not there could be an upsurge of ter- an option but rather a priority. cause of U.S. action against should make their voices heard.

Pose the question to yourself; is taking place in Washington, is the occasional forum in which students? Imagine a terrorist or-

an organization such as Al Should students know who Al Qaeda. Now, picture what dev-

> Students should take issue yond the horizon. Find out On October 26, an anti-war rally



# **Episode Two: The Landlords Respond**

FEATURES-

By Abby Finestine and Sonia Thompson

Living off campus is almost becoming an inevitable move for college students; it is just one step closer to complete freedom. According to Salisbury University students, this freedom does not come without a price.

One of the problems living off campus seems to be getting the needed maintenance. Chuck Smith, a sophomore at Salisbury says, "My house isn't livable really. They don't even fix things.

Kwasi Osei-Wusu, a junior living off campus says that he hasn't paid rent in two months and refuses to pay until his landlord fixes things. "They make too calls. much money off our rent, it's crazy," says Osei-Wusu

Some students struggle to get in touch with their landlords. Elizabeth Grimes likes her landlord, but says she's slow in returning phone calls.

Here are the realtors' responses, or lack there of, to the student comments and complaints:

### **Advanced Property Rental:**

The rental agency re-

fused to comment on any complaints or problems that students may have. Maryann Johnson, a realtor, felt it would be better if the property manager were to answer all questions about student housing. The only problem is, Advance Property's property manager is on vacation till Wednesday. If she is on vacation who is taking care of all the problems?

#### Salisbury Housing:

The realtors at Salisbury housing didn't wish to comment and also felt the property manager would a much better source. The property manager neglected to return any phone

### **G.N.I Property Rentals:**

Lynn Smith, a realtor at G.N.I. was very willing to answer any questions. She loves renting to students and doesn't feel that they cause any problems. "We want students to have a nice, quiet home, in good neighborhood and if we all work together than we won't have any problems", she said.

Many students tend to complain about the response

time in fixing a specific area, either inside or outside the house. "We have a repair crew that works everyday and generally we try to get things fixed either that day or the very next day. For emergencies we take care of the problem immediately", said

#### **University Park:**

The leasing office at UP was quick to mention that they are not allowed to speak about housing, but the best person to call would be Tom Hicky, a representative at Allen & O'Hara's corporate office. They forgot to mention that he lives in Tennessee and would most likely not return any phones calls. How can Tom in Tennessee know about the problems that Salisbury University students

Realtor Cheryl Pepper was willing to speak about her tenants, but couldn't offer very much detail. When questioned about complaints regarding slow response, she responded: "It depends on the problem, every

situation is different, so it just depends on the problem."

#### Don Gillis:

Gillis is a landlord who would much rather rent to students, and he realizes the necessity of both the landlord and tenant meeting halfway. Such a pairing alleviates any problems.

"I try my hardest and I am very pleased with the students." Gillis said. "I feel that I relate well and have a good line of communication with them." If a student has an emergency Gillis will fix the problem right away. If it is not an emergency, he still will contact the students within a day or two. "I do 70% of the repairs myself except for electrical issues where I have a subcontractor, who also will get the problem fixed immediately",

If you have more questions about your rights as a renter visit website <a href="http://">http://</a> www2.salisbury.edu/ offcampushousing/ renterinfo.htm as it contains general information about renting.

### MUSIC REVIEW

By Constance Mensh

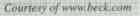
anything but slim, with highcaliber solo artists duking it out for spots on the billboard charts. Our 90's folk-hippie-hop hero And then of course, there is has finally removed his veil of Disturbed.

Topping the bill with his seventh major-label album is the releases by solo-artists Joan eccentric man-child Beck, with Osborne and Ryan Adams. "Sea Change". Hailed by Rolling Osborne's "How Sweet It Is", Stone critic David Fricke as "the brings this soul-sister's soaring best album Beck has ever voice to classic 60's anthems by made", "Sea Change" is a return Aretha Franklin, The Band, and to the blues-folkie-art house- Jimi Hendrix for a rousing social Tropicalia sounds of 1998's oft- commentary still pertinent today. overlooked "Mutations". The Ryan Adams, on the other hand, main difference between Beck's sounds more and more formulaic newest album and his previous with every release, "Demolition" releases is the emotional depth being his third and most trying and straightforward candor both musically and lyrically.

This month's pickings are lacking in his more commercial endeavors, like "Mellow Gold" or the Grammy-winning Odelay. kitsch and bared his shining soul.

Also noteworthy are the











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Candied Yams • Macaroni & Cheese • Corn Muffins

Spinach • Cheese Sauce • Buttermilk Biscuits • Corn Muffins

Spinach • Cheese Sauce • Spoanful Cake • NY Cheesecake •

• Chocolate Lover's Spoanful Cake • NY Cheesecake

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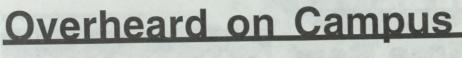
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# Who's your landlord? And what do you think about them?

By: Abby Finestine and Sonia Thompson

"Well, I live at UP. We really don't have a specific landlord. I like the apartment though and it's close to campus."

Stephanie Westfall Junior

"I live at UP. The apartment is nice, the people are nice and the landlords are nice. They aren't really strict and they are good at taking care of any situation that may arise."

Christine Roche Sophomore

"Brendan Sharp is my landlord. The house isn't livable really. They don't even fix things." Chuck Smith Sophomore

"My house is through Salisbury

Housing. They suck. They don't fix anything. Our outside spigot doesn't work and our window has been broken for three weeks."

Jeff Smith
Sophomore

"I don't really know my landlord. I rent through G.I. property. There are a few things that we've ask to have fixed, but he hasn't been prompt with them. But I love it there. It's great and a lot of fun."

Luke Jones Junio

"Kelak is my landlord. She's really nice. But slow getting back to you. She is

understanding with problems with paying."
Elizabeth Grimes
Sophomore

"Debbie Ford is my landlord and mine sucks. I started paying rent in July and the carpets had never been changed. My room smelled like a dog. It was finally changed two days ago, after leaving messages every morning."

George Crooks Sophomore

"My landlord doesn't do anything. I haven't paid rent in two months. I'm not paying until she fixes things. They make too much money off our

rent, it's crazy." Kwasi Osei-Wusu

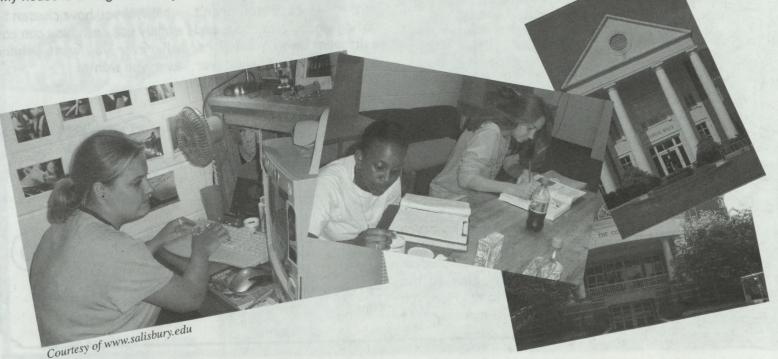
Junior

"My landlord is Don Gillis. We really like him. We've had a lot of stuff happen. But he comes right away and always calls us back. He's attentive and very nice."

Shannon Mills Junior

"Advanced Property is my landlord. Don't do Advanced. We've gotten broken in twice. The first time they didn't do anything and we still have broken glass in our yard."

Matt McGoldrick Senior



10:30pm

Drug Violations/Assault (offcampus)-The Salisbury Police responded to a residence on S. Division Street. A student was arrested and charged with nine chain lock had apparently been counts related to possession of cut. drugs with intent to distribute. He was later arrested for assault 9/14-9/16 and false imprisonment. 9:14pm

6:28pm

Alcohol Violation-officers responded to a room in Wicomico Hall to a call of a large 2pm

9/14

residents of Alcohol Violation-a resident of Pocomoke Hall were found in Pocomoke Hall was found to be possession of 30 cans and 24 in possession of several cans of cans of beer, respectively, in the beer in the Devilbiss lot. A civil Devilbiss lot. They were both citation was issued for underage issued civil citations, possession of an alcoholic 1:46pm-11:48pm Administrative action is pending. beverage. Administrative action is pending.

> 9/13-9/15 11am-7:30pm

Theft-a student reported that a bike was stolen from the bike rack in front of Maggs Gym. The

Administrative action is pending. Theft-a resident of St. Martin reported that a bike was stolen from the area of St. Martin outside of the lounge.

amount of alcoholic beverages Drug Violation-University police Hall. The cable lock had present. 60 cans of beer were arrested a resident of Dogwood found in the room. Two residents Village on an arrest warrant that were issued civil citations for was sent by the Maryland State 9/18-9/19 underage possession and Police. He was charged with

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suspect was transported to the Wicomico County Detention Center. Administrative action is

Unwanted I.M's.-a resident of Chesapeake Hall reported receiving annoying and possibly threatening instant messages. The person responsible was contacted by university police and the incident was resolved informally

5:30-7pm

Theft-a student report that a bike was stolen from the area of Fulton Hall.

9/17-9/19 6pm-1am

Theft-a resident of Chesapeake Hall reported the theft of a bike from outside of Chesapeake apparently been cut.

10pm-6:30am

administrative action is pending. possession of marijuana and Hit & Run-a student reported

possession with intent to that a vehicle was damaged by distribute and manufacture. The an unknown vehicle while parked in the Rt. 13 Lot C.

3-4:54pm

Theft-a student reported the theft of a surfboard from the back of pickup truck while parked in the St. Martin lot. The board is a Bill Frier Son, 7' long with a single fin, white on top with signature and aqua green on bottom. Also stolen was a surf board back, Dakine, white in color

9/20 1:49am

Attempted Theft-an officer on bike patrol observed students with a palm tree in the area of St. Martin Hall. Two people was seen running into a room in St. Martin. The officer had the students return the palm tree to where they took it from in Red Square. Administrative action is

pending.

I'm a little confused about the meal plan. Could you explain it to It's simple really. If you have a meal plan from Packet A, which includes: the Everything Plan, or the

basket, in case you aren't eating enough already, and a discount on dinner dollars, wherever you want, whenand you can eat whenever ever you want! you want in The Eatery but not in the Fox Den.

If you have a meal plan from Packet B including: the 50 meal plan, Everything But Breakfast Plan, or the I Really Don't Want to Gain Anymore Weight plan, you will not recieve a gift basket or a discount on dinner dollars and you can only eat in The Eatery at the specified

Now, if you have chosen to simply use cash, you can eat



### CAMPUS BLURBS

ompiled by Samantha Young Exhibit - "Plein-Air Paintings" discussion will follow. by Henry Coe through 9/29

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Wednesday, October 2, 2002.

Latin America Lecture Series The Impact of Colonists on Deforestation and Urbanization" Presented by Dr. Jill Caviglia-Harris, asst. professor of economics Guerrieri University Center, Wicomico Room Admission free and open to the public For information call 410-

President Janet Dudley- •••••••••• Purdue School Day - Antietam foundation and challenges facing the Amazon: The Impact of 1999 Bernstein Award Winner

John Dikos

Holloway Hall auditorium @ 3:30 Perdue School expo...check ou student clubs and organizations Networking with employers Holloway Hall great hall @ 4:30

...... "'The rebel's heel is on thy shore'-the Maryland campaign of 1862"

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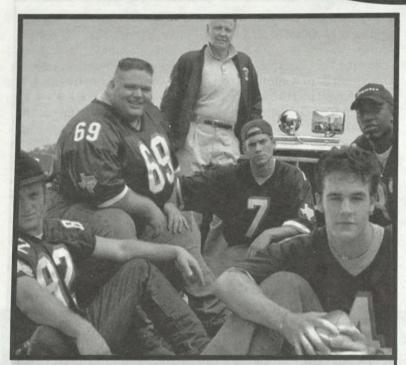
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# SPORTS



League, but it gets the job done

"Mox" wants to go to college

I don't know how realistic this

is because I have never been to

Texas, but I hear it's pretty nice

cessful than the movie. "Little

Giants" with Moranis and Ed

O'Neil is more believable than

So let me get this straight; in

### Movie of the Week: "Varsity Blues"

By Matt Marsolais

"Playing football in West That is, until Jon "Mox" Moxor Canaan may have been the op- sticks his head in as second to portunity of a lifetime for you, but first string quarterback. I don't want your life.'

I think that line pretty much and pursue a degree, while his sums up this movie. Actually, the family wants him to play football overly thick southern accent that With original first stringer Lance goes along with the line deliv- (Paul Walker) out, Moxon has a ered by teenage heartthrob, (I chance to show his town and his don't know who decided to give coach just how good he can be him that label) James Van Der Beek, helps also.

The question is, what doesn't this movie have? It has a coach I do know that MTV produced i who hits his players, a history and you can tell they wanted the teacher who strips, and a fat guy soundtrack to become more sucwith a pig. All that this movie is missing is Gary Busey. But Busev or no Busev. "Varsity Blues" still allows for some this film. laughs and some cries.

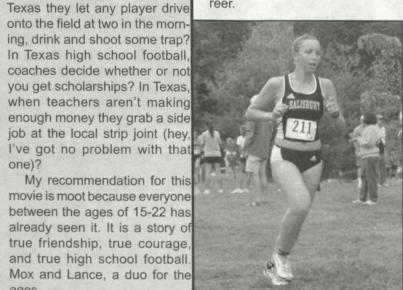
Van Der Beek, Paul Walker, and Jon Voight star in a high school drama about a winning football program and a quarter- In Texas high school football back who wants to make up his coaches decide whether or not own mind. Voight plays Coach you get scholarships? In Texas, "Bud" Kilmer, the man you love when teachers aren't making to hate. At the end of the movie enough money they grab a side you feel sympathetic for him un- job at the local strip joint (hev. til he asks his center to get back I've got no problem with that in the game after he has had one)? brain damage. Hey come on, he is just eager to win. It's not the movie is moot because everyone size of the dog in the fight; it's between the ages of 15-22 has the size of the fight in the dog. already seen it. It is a story of His coaching style may be a little true friendship, true courage. different from Coach Bombay's and true high school football from The Mighty Ducks or Billy Mox and Lance, a duo for the Haywood's from Little Big ages

Fresh Leaders Run For The Glory

Amy Lang has been running competitively for five years and is in her freshman year at Salisbury University. Coming all the way from San Diego City, California, she has adjusted quite well to the campus. Lang Maryland, continues to prove he is an accounting manager and she is doing well with her classes. She likes the smaller size of the school, the teachers, and running for the school's cross country team, where she has already established herself as a leading runner for the Murdoch intends on pursuing a

cross-country team has competed in, Lang has proven to be Milton Wright, a public 4A high a valuable teammate and com- school in Bel Air, where he ran petitor. The girls are fortunate to cross-country and track. His have her as an addition to the team. Plus, since she is a freshman, she will have a good deal times, like 1:58 in the 800 meter of time to work and improve as race and 9:45 in the two-mile

Junipera-Serra High School, a when he races and there is little public Division II high school in doubt that he will become a lead-San Diego. In her past crosscountry seasons she has posted great times, 17:15 over a 2.7 mile course and 19:40 over a .75 mile course. In addition, she ran long distance events during her high school track seasons. Her best time in the mile was 5:48 and she also recorded a 12:36 in the twomile run. Her hard work and efforts have definitely come with her to what will most likely be a very successful collegiate ca-





Will Murdoch, from Bel Air is a strong addition to the men's team. In the past two meets, Will was always near the front of the race and the team, leading them toward satisfying results and placing high in the competition. In addition to cross-country, degree in business management In the past two meets the during his four years at Salisbury.

Murdoch graduated from C. past track seasons were awesome, where he posted strong race. He consistently puts forth Lang graduated from his best efforts at practice and ing runner in the Capital Athletic Conference during his time here at Salisbury University.

"I look forward to a successful athletic season and career here at Salisbury," said Murdoch. Those goals should not be too hard for Murdoch to achieve with he continues to show at practice and at the meets.

Jim Jones, head coach of the men's and women's cross country team, agrees that both Lang and Murdoch show a great deal of promise for this season and many following ones.

"Both are two talented freshmen and they will both develop nto fine athletes," said Jones. These are two of the better eams we've had in recent years and I look forward to the championship meets at the end of the season, because of their work

With young athletes like Lang and Murdoch, the cross country team will no doubt have one of their best seasons this fall and continue to grow as a team in the vears to come

## **Early Season Heisman Watch**

Although the season is still getting started, I'm going to let you in on a little secret. I know who will win the Heisman Trophy, and the order they will finish in. Go ahead, take a look, you can arque that I'm wrong, but time will show that I am never wrong.

QB Ken Dorsey: The Miami quarterback is the best player on the best team in the nation. If he can lead the Hurricanes to a second undefeated season he will be the favorite when the cameras go on at the Down Town Athletic Club.

QB Byron Leftwich: Marshall's signal caller is the best QB in the nation, even better than Dorsey. Lack of national televised games and weak MAC opponents will lose the Heisman to Dorsey.

HB Maurice Clarett: Ohio State Buckeye's future, Clarett, is simply the best running back

New Orleans (-17) vs. Detroit

Carolina (-6) vs. Green Bay

Miami (-7) vs. Kansas City

Chicago (-11) vs. Buffalo

Dallas vs. St. Louis (-9) 1pm

Houston vs. Philadelphia (-13)

Cleveland (-1) vs. Pittsburgh

NY Jets vs. Jacksonville (-4)

NY Giants (-6) vs. Arizona

4:05pm

12pm

Adam's NFL Preview:

Week 4

Sunday, September 29th Tampa Bay (-14) vs. Cincinnati

4:15pm

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in the nation. Did I mention that he is a true freshman? Marshall Faulk was robbed of the trophy because of his age and so will Clarett. The best college football player in the nation will finish third in the Heisman voting.

QB Seneca Wallace: Iowa State's Wallace puts up the least impressive numbers out of the QB's on this list, but he is by far the most exciting to watch. Who knows what could have been if he led his Cyclones over Florida State in week one?

HB Onterrio Smith: After fading out of last year's race, the Oregon junior should bounce back strongly while in the process of leading the Ducks to the Pac-10 title. Standing only 5'10 he is the most elusive back in the create doubts about him. He is nation, but east coast voters do my certain #1 NFL pick, but will not watch Pac-10 games. I would advise Smith to save some money on a suit, and stay at home when its time to hand out

Tennessee vs. Oakland (-6)

nesota (-5) vs. Seattle

day, September

Denver (-8) vs. Baltimore

NE vs. San Diego (E)



# What's On Tap...

### Volleyball

September 28th idewater Fall Classic 11a.m. October 1st SU vs. St. Mary's 7p.m.

### **Field Hockey**

September 28th SU vs. York 1pm October 3rd SU @ Goucher 4:30pm

#### Football

September 28th SU vs. Greensboro 1p.m.

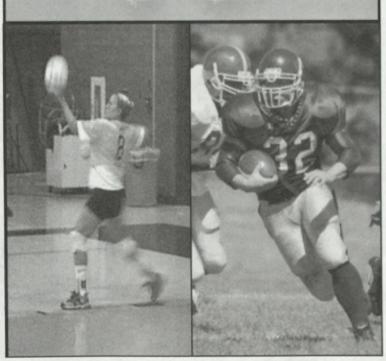
X-C September 28th Tidewater Fall Classic 11a.m.

### Men's Soccer

September 28th SU @ NC Wesleyan 2p.m. October 2nd SU vs. St. Mary's 4p.m.

### Women's Soccer

September 28th SU vs. St. Mary's 1p.m.



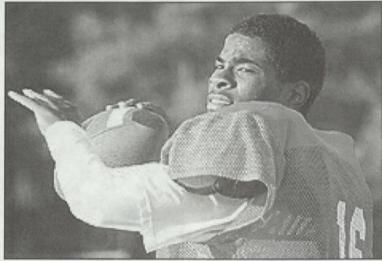
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## **Dustin Johnson: The Missing Link**

By Matt Rosati

Three years ago, Salisbury head coach Sherman Wood had a vision when he hired offensive coordinator Doug Fleetwood. The two of them schemed to create the most explosive triple option attack in the country. With proven stars Tony Ellis and Reggie Boyce leading the ground game, two thirds of the puzzle was in place. Enter freshman quarterback Dustin Johnson. In only two weeks Johnson has managed to light up both opposing defenses and scoreboards. Guiding the Gulls to a perfect start. Johnson has led the offense to an amazing 38 points a game, including 55 versus a shell-shocked William Patterson University, the highest Salisbury output in 14 years.

Leading Delmar High to a 23-10 record during his career including a state title, one would think that Johnson would have an easy transition from the preprankings to NCAA football. He is humbly reminded by junior team captain and roommate, Muhammid Husainey, that, "He isn't in high school anymore. Nobody cares if he was state player of the year, he's running



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With that in mind, Johnson has seemed to be able to step up and take over the reigns of an offense that is dominated by veterans. He gives credit to them for his fast start.

"All those guys [Boyce, Ellis, Beau Ridgeway, Kevin Belt] have helped me learn the offense, Johnson said. "They've made my job much easier."

It is one of the unwritten rules in football that the quarterback must be the leader, no matter the situation. Johnson brings his own attitude to the table. "I don't lead by yelling," Johnson added. "I'm the quiet type. I don't say much, but my teammates know what I'm all about, I try to lead by actions."

Senior guard Ridgeway believes that Johnson will take the team to the next level.

"There's a good chance with him back there we will be playing past Thanksgiving," he said. "Dustin is so dangerous. He can make the big run, he makes great reads, or he can just kill a defense with his arm."

It's easy to see where Johnson

acquired his leadership habits. As a boy playing football in his backyard, he dreamed that he was Joe Montana, wearing number 16. He envisioned rolling out of the pocket on a third and long, finding Jerry Rice in the end zone for the winning score. Or perhaps it came from his brother Traiter, whom Johnson credits for most of his successes on and off the field.

When he is not on the field Johnson loves to sit back, watch TV, with the "fellas" and play Maddens on PSX2. As a physical education major, Johnson hopes to pursue a career as a high school gym teacher and football coach, but only if his dream to play professional football should happen to fall short. Although only three games have been played in his young career, one cannot help but think of the tremendous future this QB has in front of him. It is easy to imagine the Gulls needing a score late in the fourth, only to call on their own number 16 to rally for a late comeback. As in his young childhood days, he finds his favorite receiver in the corner of the end zone, for the win.

# **MLB Update**

By Matt Gombos

Pop quiz, hot shot: which team has just clinched their division for the fifth, yes the fifth, straight year in a row? No, it's not the Orioles. It can only be one team...the New York Yankees. They accomplished this feat with a victory over the Tigers on Saturday afternoon. We all know how excited everyone gets when we talk about the Yankees, but there is other interesting stuff around the league that I am forced to discuss.

Sticking with those who have clinched, the Twins have won the AL Central, St. Louis clinched the NL Central last week, and the

Braves are the winners of the NL East. Oakland and Anaheim are still battling it out for the AL West title. The loser of that race will most likely take the wildcard, although Seattle still has a small chance of getting in. Despite not clinching just yet, Arizona looks to win the NL West, while LA and the Giants are in a very close race for the American League's wildcard spot.

Drug rumors, once again, begin lurking around the New York Mets. After their little cocaine binge in the mid 80's they have calmed it down a bit, but have now switched to marijuana. Always outspoken Bobby Valen-

tine had this to say.

"I guarantee you no one was in uniform and smoking marijuana unless they were running around with a whole lot of Visine in their eyes," the Mets manager said. "I grew up in the '60s. I think I could tell by looking in a guys' eyes if he was smoking dope."

Dope, I haven't heard that used since the 60's.

In other news around the league, Kansas City Royals first base coach, Tom Gamboa, was attacked on the field of play in the ninth inning, in a game against the Chicago White Sox, last week. William Lique Jr. and his 15-vear-old son stormed the

field and beat up Gamboa with an attack from behind.

There's some nice father and son bonding for you. What is even more hilarious, Lique's reasoning behind the attack was because he was mad at how the Chicago White Sox had been playing lately. Hmm, so we attack the other teams coach, makes perfect sense to me. Hey, have another one buddy!

And that's a wrap for this week's MLB Update.

